

## REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Christine Shipman.

Information: In her forth essay answer on the supplemental application regarding relevant analytical skills, Applicant reported that she served on a local redistricting committee. Bureau staff asked Applicant about her experience with redistricting. In response to questioning by about this experience, Applicant stated that in 2000 the City of Sacramento called for volunteers to form a "Review Committee" to redraw the boundaries of the city council districts. In response, Applicant joined a group of ten people who formed a committee in her "Pocket Area" of Sacramento. The committee presented a plan to the city with eight boundaries redrawn. However, the plan submitted by the committee was not adopted by the City.

In the Activities section of the supplemental application, Applicant stated that she had experience working with the Native American community. In response to questioning by staff about this experience, Applicant reported that this reference was to her work from 1999 to 2002 as director of a health clinic that provided mental health and substance abuse services to a rural community of Pit River Indians. The clinic was funded by federal grants.

In her first essay answer on the supplemental application regarding why she wants to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, Applicant mentioned that she volunteers for an organization called "100 Black Women" and stated in the "Financial Contributions" section of the application that she has contributed money to the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. According to its website, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (the NCBW) has as its mission "to advocate on behalf of Black women and other women of color through national and local actions and strategic alliances that promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education, and economic empowerment." Staff asked Applicant for more information regarding her activities with this organization. Applicant said she is a member of the Sacramento chapter of the NCBW. She said her group does not lobby and is not involved in political activities. The group's focus is improving health and educational opportunities for African American women in the local community. As part of her volunteer service with the NCBW, Applicant has given out information on health issues such as diabetes and HIV/Aids and chaired the Sacramento chapter's annual luncheon.

In the Employment History section on the supplemental application, Applicant reported that between 2002 and 2006 she was employed by FHC Corporation. Staff researched this entity and found it to be FHC Health Systems Incorporated. According to its website, FHC provides a wide range of behavioral health services, including behavioral health care management services, administering and managing drug and alcohol testing programs, creating and providing web-based programs for the health care industry, and laboratory and pharmaceutical services for health care facilities and medical practitioners.

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Bureau staff contacted Carol Massey, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Massey confirmed the information in the letter. She added that she personally observed Applicant's skills as a team builder, citing as an example the efficient manner in which Applicant chaired the luncheon committee of the Sacramento chapter of the NCBW. She said that she has known Applicant for many years and is familiar with her many volunteer activities.

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Recommendation: None.

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Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations

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